Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device, comprising:

placing a mobile chat proxy server in a ~~direct~~ communication path between a standard Internet Relay Chat server and a wireless Internet gateway server;

receiving a first message from a non-Internet Relay Chat program adapted to be executed by ~~associated with~~ said wireless mobile device at said mobile chat proxy server;

converting said first message to a second message compatible with said standard Internet Chat Relay server with said mobile chat proxy server; and

forwarding said second message to said standard IRC server from said mobile chat proxy server.

2. (currently amended) The method of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a mobile wireless device according to claim 1, wherein:

said access includes participation in said channel by said wireless mobile device.

3. (currently amended) The method of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 1, wherein:

said wireless mobile device comprises a mobile telephone.

4. (currently amended) The method of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 3, wherein:

said mobile telephone is a mobile originated telephone with respect to said accessed channel of said Internet Relay Chat group.

5. (currently amended) The method of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 1, wherein:

said mobile chat proxy server interprets Internet Relay Chat commands from said ~~first~~ wireless mobile device.

6. (currently amended) The method of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 1, wherein:

said mobile chat proxy server passes communications with said wireless mobile device through an SMPP interface in a direction toward said wireless mobile device.

7. (currently amended) The method of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 1, wherein:

said mobile chat proxy server passes communications with said wireless mobile device through an Interworking Function (IWF) interface in a direction toward said wireless mobile device.

8. (currently amended) The method of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 1, further comprising:

including a short message system controller between said mobile chat proxy server and said wireless mobile device.

9. (canceled)

10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) The method of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 1, further comprising:

summoning at least one other wireless mobile device to join said Internet Relay Chat group.

12. (currently amended) A method of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device, comprising:

placing a mobile chat proxy server in a communication path between a standard Internet Relay Chat server and a wireless Internet gateway server supporting said wireless mobile device; and

ghosting said channel of said Internet Relay Chat group through a non-Internet Relay Chat program adapted to be executed by ~~associated with~~ said wireless mobile device.

13. (cancelled)

14. (cancelled)

15. (cancelled)

16. (cancelled)

17. (cancelled)

18. (cancelled)

19. (cancelled)

20. (currently amended) Apparatus for providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device, comprising:

a mobile chat proxy server in a ~~direct~~ communication path between a standard Internet Relay Chat server and a wireless Internet gateway server;

wherein said mobile chat proxy server receives chat commands from said wireless mobile device adapted to execute ~~produced by~~ a non-Internet Relay Chat program and forwards said chat commands in a form compatible with said standard Internet Relay Chat server to said standard Internet Relay Chat server.

21. (currently amended) The apparatus for providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 20, wherein:

said access includes participation in said channel by said wireless mobile device.

22. (currently amended) The apparatus for providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 20, wherein:

said wireless mobile device comprises a mobile telephone.

23. (currently amended) The apparatus for providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 22, wherein:

said mobile telephone is a mobile originated telephone with respect to said accessed channel of said Internet Relay Chat group.

24. (currently amended) The apparatus for providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 20, wherein:

said mobile chat proxy server interprets Internet Relay Chat commands from said wireless mobile device.

25. (currently amended) The apparatus for providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 20, wherein:

said mobile chat proxy server passes communications from said wireless mobile device through an SMPP interface.

26. (currently amended) The apparatus for providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 20, wherein:

said mobile chat proxy server passes communications from said wireless mobile device through an Interworking Function (IWF) interface in a direction toward said wireless mobile device.

27. (currently amended) The apparatus for providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 20, further comprising:

a short message system controller between said mobile chat proxy server and said wireless mobile device.

28. (canceled)

29. (canceled)

30. (currently amended) The apparatus for providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 20, further comprising:

means for summoning at least one other wireless mobile device to join said Internet Relay Chat group.

31. (currently amended) Apparatus for providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device, comprising:

a mobile chat proxy server in a communication path between a standard Internet Relay Chat server and a wireless Internet gateway server supporting said wireless mobile device;

means for ghosting said channel of said Internet Relay Chat group through a non-Internet Relay Chat program adapted to be executed by ~~associated with~~ said wireless mobile device.

32. (cancelled)

33. (cancelled)

34. (cancelled)

35. (cancelled)

36. (cancelled)

37. (cancelled)

38. (cancelled)

39. (currently amended) An apparatus for providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device, comprising:

means for placing a mobile chat proxy server in a direct communication path between a standard Internet Relay Chat server and a wireless Internet gateway server;

means for sending a first message from a non-Internet Relay Chat program adapted to be executed by ~~associated with~~ said wireless mobile device said mobile chat proxy server;

means for converting said first message to a second message compatible with said standard Internet Chat Relay server with said mobile chat proxy server; and

means for forwarding said second message to said standard IRC server.

40. (currently amended) The apparatus of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 39, wherein:

said access includes participation in said channel by said wireless mobile device.

41. (currently amended) The apparatus of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 39, wherein:

said wireless mobile device comprises a mobile telephone.

42. (currently amended) The apparatus of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 41, wherein:

said mobile telephone is a mobile originated telephone with respect to said accessed channel of said Internet Relay Chat group.

43. (currently amended) The apparatus of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 39, wherein:

said mobile chat proxy server interprets Internet Relay Chat commands from said wireless mobile device.

44. (currently amended) The apparatus of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 39, wherein:

said mobile chat proxy server passes communications from said wireless mobile device through an SMPP interface in a direction toward said wireless mobile device.

45. (currently amended) The apparatus of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 39, wherein:

said mobile chat proxy server passes communications from said wireless mobile device through an Interworking Function (IWF) interface in a direction toward said wireless mobile device.

46. (currently amended) The apparatus of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 1, further comprising:

including a short message system controller between said mobile chat proxy server and said wireless mobile device.

47. (canceled)

48. (canceled)

49. (currently amended) The apparatus of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 39, further comprising:

summoning at least one other wireless mobile device to join said Internet Relay Chat group.

50. (currently amended) An apparatus of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device, comprising:

means for placing a mobile chat proxy server in a direct communication path between a standard Internet Relay Chat server and a wireless Internet gateway server;

means for facilitating chat communications between said wireless mobile device and said standard Internet Relay Chat server through said mobile chat proxy server; and

means for ghosting said channel of said Internet Relay Chat group through a non-Internet Relay Chat program adapted to be executed by ~~associated with~~ said wireless mobile device.

51. (currently amended) The method of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 1, wherein:

said receiving said first message from said non-Internet Relay Chat program receives said first message from a short messaging service program.

52. (currently amended) The method of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 12, wherein:

said ghosting said channel of said Internet Relay Chat group through said non-Internet Relay Chat program performs ghosting through a short messaging service program.

53. (currently amended) The apparatus for providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 20, wherein:

said non-Internet Relay Chat program is a short messaging service program.

54. (currently amended) The apparatus for providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 31, wherein:

said non-Internet Relay Chat program is a short messaging service program.

55. (currently amended) The apparatus of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 39, wherein:

said non-Internet Relay Chat program is a short messaging service program.

56. (currently amended) The apparatus of providing access to a channel of an Internet Relay Chat group to a wireless mobile device according to claim 50, wherein:

said non-Internet Relay Chat program is a short messaging service program.